

**REMARKS**

The Office is requested to enter the foregoing amendments to the claims before a substantive examination is made of this case. The total number of claims remains 20 or less and the total number of independent claims remains 3 or less following this amendment. Therefore, no new fees are due. A formal Notice of Allowance of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

Should the Office or the Examiner care to discuss any of the foregoing in greater detail, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

Respectfully submitted,

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